

## **Establishing and Adopting Sustainable Complete Streets Policy Town of Chazy**

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are defined as streets that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, foot, bicycle, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Complete Streets are defined as Complete Streets with elements of design, construction and operation that also serve environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets design features and practices include, but are not limited to sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share the road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduces traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limits greenhouse gas emission and improves the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many studies show that when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking and transit use, more people do so, and Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy and law at federal, state, county, town, village and city levels in the interest of improving safety and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chazy will explore the maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within the hamlet center and address issues of these amenities as needed; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new and existing roads in the Town of Chazy should anticipate future demand for biking, walking and other alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association, the State of New York and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Chazy will, to the extent reasonable and affordable, view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in the Town of Chazy and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Chazy intends to add Complete Streets concepts into the Town of Chazy Comprehensive Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Chazy will make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operation, will approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public (and private) streets and the transportation network for all users, and will work in coordination with other department, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Chazy will consider incorporating Complete Streets design features and practices in planning, design, approval and implementation process for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges or other portions of the transportation network whenever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0